

# **RHODE ISLAND TRAFFIC TRIBUNAL**

## **APPLICATION FORM MAGISTRATE POSITION**

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### **GENERAL:**

1. Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Any other names by which you have been known:

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3. Office Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. \_\_\_\_\_

4. All Current Residential Addresses: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone Nos. \_\_\_\_\_

5. Time at Current Residence: \_\_\_\_\_ Time in Residence of State: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

7. If you are a naturalized citizen, please state the date and place of naturalization:

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8. Military Service

If any: Branch

Dates of Service:

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**Rank at Discharge:**

**Type of Discharge:**

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**If currently a U.S. Armed Forces Reserve or National Guard member, please give service, branch, unit, length of duty and present rank.**

9. **Are you related by blood or marriage to any judges/magistrates of the Rhode Island District Court or the Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_**  
**If yes, give their name(s) and describe the relationship(s). \_\_\_\_\_**

**HEALTH:**

10. **What is the present state of your health? \_\_\_\_\_**  
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11. **Do you have any visual or hearing impairment or other mental or physical impairment that would require accommodation by the Court to permit you to perform the duties assigned to a magistrate? If so, specify. (Be assured that the Court does not discriminate and will provide reasonable accommodation for any handicap.) \_\_\_\_\_**  
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12. **Have you had any hospital confinement, mental illness, serious physical illness, or drug or alcohol addiction during the past ten (10) years? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_. If yes, explain and provide the name, address and telephone number of your attending physician(s), and all hospitals and other institutions to which you were admitted and the date(s) of each hospitalization.**

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13. Are you presently receiving or contemplating receiving treatment for a physical or mental illness or condition, or for drug or alcohol addiction? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_. If so, please give details.
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**EDUCATION:**

14. List colleges and universities (including professional schools) attended; addresses, dates and degree(s):
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**HONORS:**

15. If you have published any legal books or articles, list them, giving citations and dates:
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16. List any honors, prizes or awards you have received.
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**PROFESSIONAL ADMISSIONS:**

17. List your date of admission to the R. I. Bar and any other courts and administrative bodies having special admission requirements in which you are presently admitted to practice, giving the dates of admission in each case.

Court or Administrative Body	Date of Admission	I.D. No.
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**LAW PRACTICE:**

18. Commencing with your law school admission, state the names, positions, dates, addresses and telephone numbers of all law firms with which in any way you have been employed or associated in practice, and of all governmental agencies or private business organizations in which you have ever been employed or associated, periods during which and addresses from which you have practiced as a sole practitioner, and any legal practice or employment not otherwise covered by your answers.

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19. Describe the general nature of your practice during the last ten (10) years, including any legal specialties which you possess and the character of your typical clients.

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20. (a) Do you regularly appear in court? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_.
- (b) What percentage of your appearances in the last five (5) years were in
1. Federal Courts \_\_\_\_\_ %
  2. State or local courts of record \_\_\_\_\_ %
  3. Administrative bodies \_\_\_\_\_ %
  4. Other \_\_\_\_\_ %
21. During the last five (5) years, what percentage of your practice has been trial practice?
- \_\_\_\_\_ %
22. During the last five (5) years, how frequently have you appeared in court?
- \_\_\_\_\_ times per month
23. List the percentage of your practice involving litigation which has been:
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| Civil    | _____ % |
| Criminal | _____ % |
| Traffic  | _____ % |
| Other    | _____ % |
24. State the number of cases you have tried to conclusion in courts of record during each of the past five (5) years, indicating whether you were sole, associate, or chief counsel. Give citations of any reported cases.

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**PUBLIC OFFICE:**

25. Have you ever run for or held public office? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_  
If so, give details.

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**PRIOR JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE:**

26. (a) Have you ever held judicial office or been a candidate for judicial office? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ If so, please state the courts involved and the dates of service, or dates of candidacy.

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- (b) Prior Quasi-judicial service:

Name of Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Position held: \_\_\_\_\_

Hearing on what issues: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of cases adjudicated: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of service: \_\_\_\_\_

**BUSINESS INVOLVEMENT:**

27. (a) If you are now an officer, director or otherwise engaged in the management of any business enterprise, state the name of such enterprise, the nature of the business, the nature of your position and of your duties, and whether you intend to resign such position immediately upon your appointment to judicial office:

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- (b) Since being admitted to the Bar, have you ever engaged in any occupation, business or profession other than the

practice of law? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ If so, give the details, including dates.

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- (c) State whether during the past five (5) years you have received any fees or compensation of any kind other than for legal services rendered from any business enterprise, institution, organization or association of any kind. Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ If so, identify the source of the business enterprise, institution, organization or association involved and the dates such compensation was paid.

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28. Have you ever been arrested, charged, or convicted for violation of any federal law, state law, county or municipal law, regulation or ordinance? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ If so, give details. Do not include traffic violations for which a fine of \$200 or less was imposed unless it also included a jail sentence.

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29. (a) Have you ever been sued by a client for any reason, including professional malpractice? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ If so, give particulars.

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- (b) Have you or your professional insurance liability carrier ever settled a claim against you for professional malpractice? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ If so, give particulars, including the amounts involved.

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- (c) Have you ever been involved as a party to any litigation (criminal, civil or administrative)? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ If so, give particulars.
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30. (a) Have you ever been disciplined, cited, admonished or cautioned for a breach of ethics or unprofessional conduct by any court's disciplinary counsel or board? Without regard to the outcome, to your knowledge, has there ever been a complaint preferred against you with or by any court, administrative agency, bar association or other professional group? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_  
If so, give the particulars.
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- (b) Have you ever been disciplined or terminated by or because of possible termination resigned from any public or private employer, law firm or any other entity because of any misconduct, incompetence or unsatisfactory performance in any respect? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ If yes, give particulars.
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- (c) Have you ever resigned from or, for other reasons, ceased to be a member of the bar or bench of any state or court in any jurisdiction, a member of any governmental body, a hearing officer or an occupant of any other similar position? Yes \_\_\_\_



No \_\_\_\_ If so, give particulars.

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31. Have you filed appropriate tax returns as required by Federal, State, Local, and other Government authorities in a timely fashion? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ If no, explain.

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32. (a) Have any liens or claims ever been instituted against you by the Federal, State or Local authorities? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ If yes, explain.

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- (b) Do you have any summonses, traffic tickets or other such claims outstanding against you by any Federal, State or Local authorities? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ If yes, give particulars.

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- (c) Are there any unsatisfied judgments against you? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ If yes, give particulars.

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- (d) Are you in default in the performance or discharge of any duty or obligation imposed upon you by any governmental agency or decree or order of any court, including alimony/

maintenance and support orders and decrees? Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, give particulars.

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- (e) Have you ever made an assignment for the benefit of creditors within the last ten (10) years? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, give particulars.

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- (f) Has any petition in bankruptcy ever been filed by or against you within the last seven years? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, give particulars.

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**PROFESSIONAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES:**

33. (a) List all bar associations and legal professional societies of which you are a member and give the titles and dates of any office you have held or currently hold in such group, and committees to which you belonged or currently belong:

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- (b) List all organizations and clubs, other than the bar associations and professional societies identified in response to Question 33 (a) of which you have been a member during

the past ten (10) years, including the titles and dates of any offices you have held in each such organization:

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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:**

34. State any achievements or actions you have accomplished, demonstrating your commitment to equal justice under law:

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35. State any additional education or other experiences you believe would assist you in holding judicial office as a magistrate of the Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal:

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36. List five (5) individuals as references who are familiar with your abilities and personal character:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Telephone No.</u>
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37. (a) Set forth any information not otherwise elicited by this application which would affect favorably or unfavorably your eligibility for the office of magistrate of the Traffic Tribunal or bear upon consideration of your candidacy:

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- (b) State any pertinent information reflecting positively or adversely on you which you believe should be disclosed to the Chief Judge of the Rhode Island District Court and the selection panel in connection with your possible nomination as Traffic Tribunal Magistrate.

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- (c) Is there anything in your personal or professional background that, if publicly known, could be viewed as embarrassing either to you personally or to this court?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, give particulars.

I declare under penalty of perjury that I completed the fifteen (15) page application, including attachments, and that it contains true and correct information.

Executed on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2005.

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Signature of Candidate

Signed and sealed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2005.

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Notary Public

## **CONFIDENTIALITY STATEMENT**

The individuals whom you have listed as references in #36 above may be contacted by the panel, but no other employers, colleagues or others will be contacted without your prior approval. The “Waiver of Confidentiality” will not be used without your prior approval.

## **HOW TO APPLY**

The original plus the required copies of the complete application (with all appendices) must be received by the Office of Albert E. DeRobbio, Chief Judge, Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal, 345 Harris Avenue, Providence, RI 02909, not later than the date specified in the Public Notice.

You are invited to append:

1. A one-page curriculum vitae.
2. A one-page statement on (a) what you believe the duties of a Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal Magistrate to be, and, (b) how your qualifications and background qualify you to assume such duties.

**N.B. If you change your address or if anything occurs which would affect your answers to this application, notice of such change should be sent to the Chairman of the Merit Selection Panel.**

## **WAIVER OF CONFIDENTIALITY**

The Merit Selection Panel has completed its initial screening of applicants for the position of Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal Magistrate. We are now in need of additional information on your background and qualifications to determine whether to recommend you to the Traffic Tribunal for appointment as a Magistrate. Accordingly, we request your approval to consult with your current or past employers or colleagues, and other individuals who have material knowledge of your qualifications (including your physician) in order to verify and to supplement the information contained in your application form. A “waiver of confidentiality” is printed immediately below for this purpose.

### **Waiver**

I hereby authorize the custodian of any records or information to permit the examination or receipt of such information, whether written or oral, by the Merit Selection Panel. I also authorize the Merit Selection Panel to consult with my former employers, my professional colleagues, and my physician with regard to matters pertinent to my qualifications for the position of Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal Magistrate.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

